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REQUEST

FOR

CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/921,561
Filing Date	August 6, 2001
First Named Inventor	KOMURA et al.
Group Art Unit	2816
Examiner Name	Minh T. Nguyen
Attorney Docket Number	024016-00012

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See *Changes to application Examination and Provisions Application Practice*, Fine Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Petition for Extension of Time

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2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 01-2300 making reference to Attorney Docket No. 024016-00012
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 1,550.00 Enclosed

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

Name (Print/Type)	Rustan J. Hill	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	37,351
Signature		Date	December 19, 2002

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
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In re the Application of:

Confirmation No.: 7046

KOMURA et al.

Group Art Unit: 2816

Serial No.: 09/921,561

Examiner: Minh T. Nguyen

Filed: August 6, 2001

Attorney Dkt. No.: 024016-00012

For: DELAY CIRCUIT, SEMICONDUCTOR INTEGRATED CIRCUIT
DEVICE CONTAINING A DELAY CIRCUIT AND DELAY METHOD

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: December 19, 2002

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fees and initial examination of the application,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 3.

Please amend claims 1, 26 and 29 as follows. A copy of the marked up original
claims is attached to this response showing the changes as set forth in amended 37
CFR 1.121.

1. (Twice Amended)

A delay circuit comprising:

a delay section having two or more predetermined delay stages, each
predetermined delay stage adds a predetermined delay time to an input signal; and
selecting switch sections, wherein

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